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In re Application of Mueller et al.		
Application Number 09/977,775	Filed October 15, 2001	
For Refrigerated Oven		
Art Unit 3753	Examiner Lilljana V. Ciric	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
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☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 37118

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**WHIRPOOL® HOME APPLIANCES INTRODUCES
THE WORLD'S FIRST REFRIGERATED RANGE**

*Polara™ Refrigerated Range provides builders with breakthrough cooking technology
that adds style and convenience to any home*

BENTON HARBOR, MI., February 8, 2002—Whirlpool® today introduced the Polara™ Refrigerated Range at the International Builders Show in Atlanta, Georgia. The Polara Refrigerated Range is the world's first range with refrigeration capabilities, which allows consumers to fit food preparation into busy and diverse schedules. This breakthrough technology represents an innovative pairing of Whirlpool brand's cooking and food preservation technologies, providing builders with a revolutionary appliance to offer new home shoppers.

The Polara Refrigerated Range, a standard-sized range that does not require any customized hookup or installation, combines Whirlpool's expertise in refrigeration with all the features found in Whirlpool brand's premium line of ranges. The new technology is controlled by a timing capability, enabling consumers to prepare meals up to a day ahead of planned meal times. The timer can be programmed to perform the steps of meal preparation over a twenty-four hour time period. Program options include: initial cooling start and stop times and baking temperature and start and stop times. The range is also programmed to kick into an automatic a low-temperature warming time for up to an hour, and, finally, an additional cooling stage for maximum flexibility.

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The Polara Refrigerated Range innovation came about through Whirlpool's research into the needs of today's American families. "The consumers we spoke with told us they were constantly looking for ways to maximize the pockets of free time they had throughout the day, so they could have more time with their families," said Jan Walters, brand manager, food preparation at Whirlpool Corporation. "What we found was that the hours of 5:00 - 7:00 PM are not just rush hour on the highways, but rush hour at home. The Polara Refrigerated Range helps give families the flexibility needed to spend this time together, eating healthy, traditional home-cooked family meals."

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The Polara™ - Refrigerated Range will be available for the suggested retail price of \$1,800 at retailers nationwide beginning July of 2002.

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About the Whirlpool Corporation

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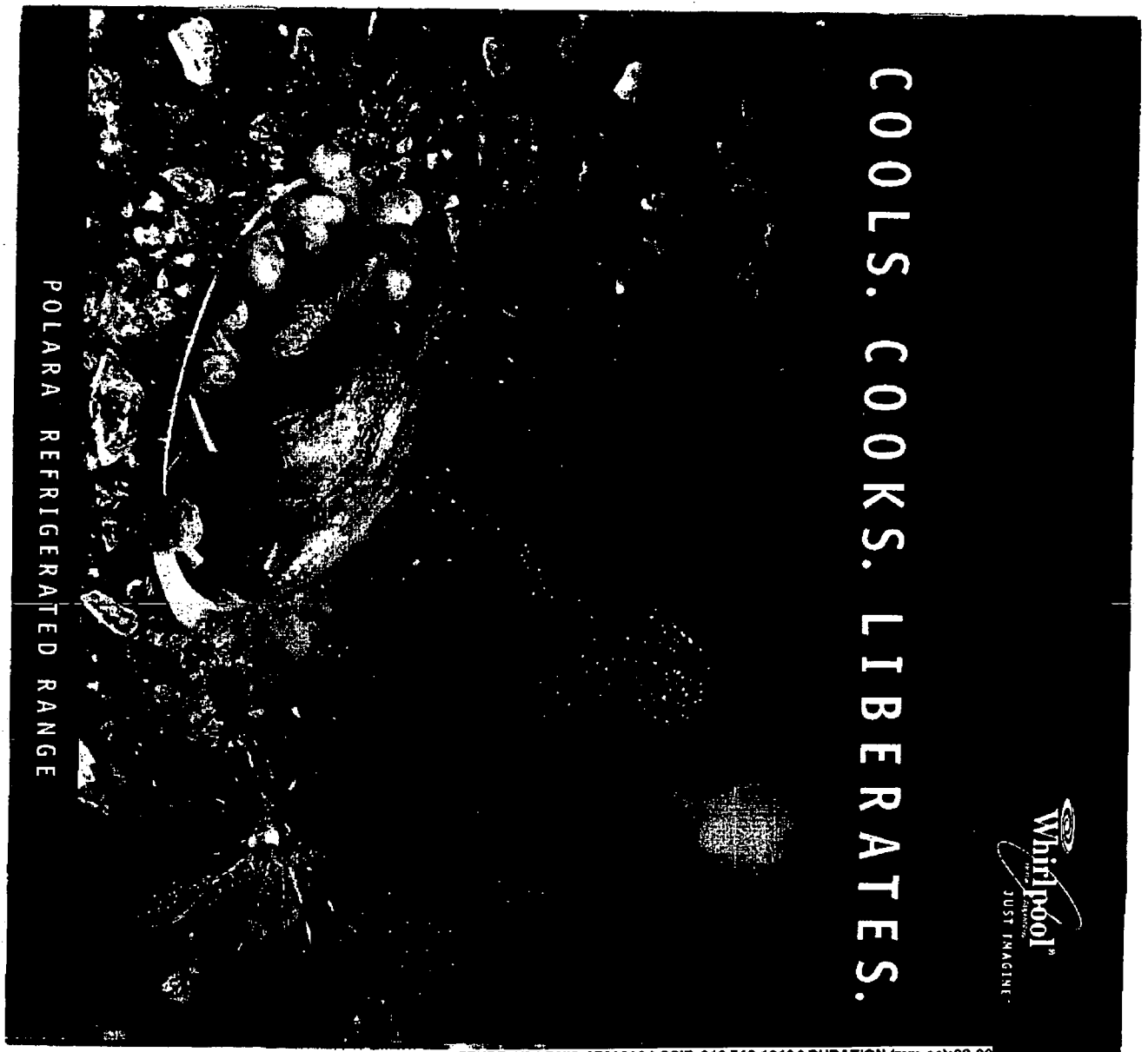
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Appendix B



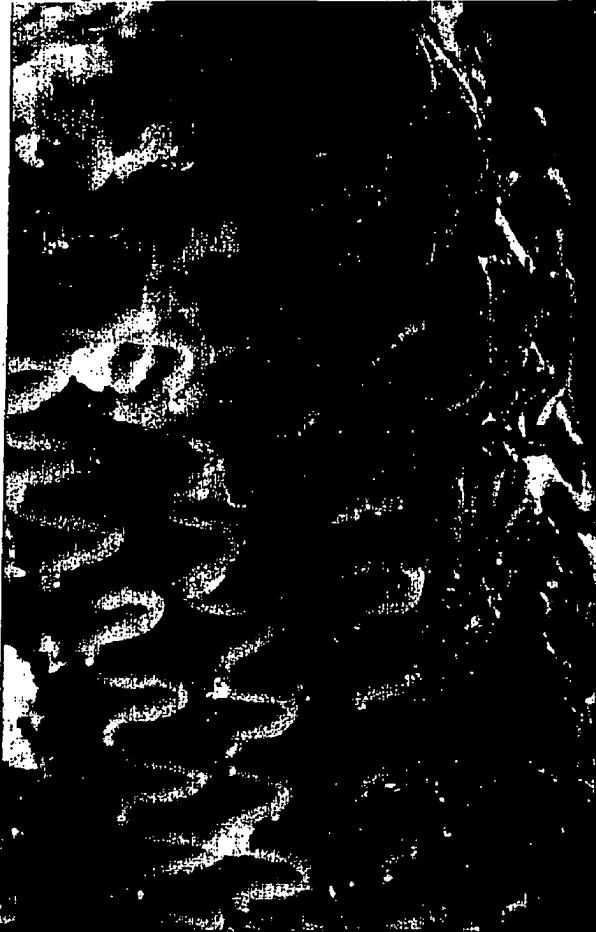
IMAGINE AN OVEN THAT THINKS
IT'S A REFRIGERATOR.



INTRODUCING THE REVOLUTIONARY POLARA™ REFRIGERATED RANGE FROM WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

The only oven of its kind, the new Polara™ Refrigerated Range combines state-of-the-art cooking performance with the convenience of refrigeration. It's a range that keeps nutritious homemade meals cool all day while you're away. Then, at precisely the time you programmed, it begins cooking. When done, your food is kept warm so dinner's ready for your family when you get home. And if you unexpectedly come home late, the Polara™ Refrigerated Range will automatically re-refrigerate your cooked meal for up to 24 hours more. The innovation is from Whirlpool. The freedom is yours.

IMAGINE MAKING DINNER AT HOME
WHILE YOU'RE BUSY AT WORK.



You wake up.

You prepare a homemade lasagna dinner for tomorrow.

You put the lasagna in your Polaris® Refrigerated Range.

You

You

You wake up.

You arrive at work and go into an important meeting.

You pick up the kids from soccer practice.

You return home.

Your homemade lasagna dinner is enjoyed by all.

You smile. Because that was so easy.

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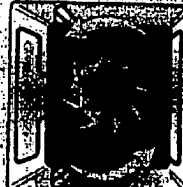
The Whirlpool® exclusive AccuBake® with Duo System™

technology provides temperature uniformity

so you can bake a turkey,

cherry pie, a casserole and

all at the same time.



A fan in the rear of the oven circulates heated air over, around and under foods for faster cooking.

Get Even Baking Results Every Time.

Using dual sensors to constantly monitor temperatures, the AccuBake® with Duo System™ technology maintains a uniform oven temperature. Each sensor checks the temperature independently and either shuts off or turns on the heat to maintain a consistent cooking environment. This allows the top element to turn off if the top of the oven is getting too hot while the bottom still may need heat. The result is uniform temperature control throughout the entire oven. Perfect for baking two or more dishes at the same time.

Cook Your Food Up to 30% Faster.

When you're pressed for time, convection cooking is the perfect answer. We've placed a fan in the rear of the oven cavity to circulate heated air under and around foods. Foods heat more rapidly, cooking is more uniform and your meal is ready up to 30% faster.* Now you can cook multiple meals on multiple racks at the same time without sacrificing quality or taste.



With refrigeration capabilities, you can safely delay baking for up to 24 hours.

The average American eats 136 restaurant meals each year and spends nearly 50 cents of every food dollar on meals outside the home.*

Enjoy home-cooked meals more often than ever before.



Now Dinner Waits for You.

Spend more time away from your kitchen. You don't even have to be home to put your meal in the oven. Pre-programming lets you refrigerate your food in the range up to 24 hours before cooking and will keep your food warm for hours after cooking. And what if you're unexpectedly late and didn't program the Hold Warm function? After defaulting to one hour in the Hold Warm mode, your oven will automatically re-refrigerate your cooked meal for up to 24 hours more.

Forever Change the Time between 5pm and 7pm at Your House.

American families are busier than ever yet they still want to be able to enjoy nutritious home-cooked meals. Polara™ Refrigerated Range combines the speed of convection baking with our AccuBake® Duo System™ technology. It also offers the convenience of pre-programming the time and temperature for oven-cooked meals. What does all this mean for you? Now you can serve your family the kinds of meals that you never had time to cook before. Polara™ Refrigerated Range, the ultimate in cooking performance and convenience right at your fingertips.

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or want the name of your nearest Whirlpool Designated Service Contractor,
call us at 1-800-253-1301.



*Using convection bake mode compared to traditional Whirlpool® Thermal Bake mode.
**Mayo Clinic, healthy foods for women lives (Archives, Minnesota, Mayo Clinic Health Information, 2000).
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